**Nagar-Beed-Parli railway line**

668. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Nagar-Beed-Parli railway line in Maharashtra has been accorded sanction in 1994, but due to inadequate budget provision and delays in starting the work, the project could not got momentum; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath new line project was included in Railway Budget 1995-96. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources. Government of Maharashtra has been requested to share 50% cost of the project for its expeditious completion. The land acquisition has been taken up.

**Construction of new railway line**

669. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keen on; constructing new railway lines in the country including the hilly areas in the north-east;

(b) whether it has prepared any master plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Development of railways including construction of new lines is a continuous process. A large number of new line projects have been taken up across the country including hilly areas in the North-East on demand from the State Governments, elected representatives and other considerations. At present there are 112 ongoing new line projects.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Ongoing railway projects in Rajasthan**

670. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of ongoing railway projects in the State of Rajasthan, time schedule, project-wise;

(b) the details of amounts allocated, released and spent on these projects, so far, and the estimated cost of each project;

(c) the funds allocated during the last three years for these projects;

(d) the time schedule for completion of these projects;

(e) the steps taken by Government to complete these projects in time; and

(f) the escalation in cost due to delay, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a), (b) and (d) A Statement is attached (*See* below).